House Resolution No. 437

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

Whereas, Karen Davies, an esteemed resident of Lake City, Missouri, will be honored during the Missouri Small Business Development Centers Celebration of Excellence 2004 Business Awards to be held February 9, 2004, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Karen Davies is the President of Alliant Tech Systems, a business which specializes in the manufacturing of small arms ammunition for military and commercial use; and

Whereas, Alliant Lake City Small Caliber Ammunition Company manufactures and develops small caliber ammunition for the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and for U.S. allies; and

Whereas, the Lake City facility is the Army's only small caliber ammunition production facility, producing approximately 350 million rounds of ammunition per year consisting of 5.56mm, 7.62mm, .30 caliber, and .50 caliber cartridges; and

Whereas, established in 1941, Alliant Lake City Small Caliber Ammunition Company was originally designed to help the Defense Department replenish aging ammunition supplies and to sustain a training program that puts live ammunition in the weapons of virtually every soldier in every branch of service; and

Whereas, Alliant Lake City Small Caliber Ammunition Company has implemented a series of aggressive quality improvement programs including Lean Manufacturing, Six Sigma, Critical Defect Control, and an aggressive Procedure and Training Improvement program:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Karen Davies at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen Davies.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 437, adopted February 5, 2004.